

A Sensible View.

The *Sun's* leader of Feb. 17th condemns the late Democratic conference at Columbus, Ohio, which conference was led and controlled by Pendleton, Vallandigham and Col. McCook. Vallandigham declared that the Democratic party must "restore the old federal Republic as our fathers made it." The *Sun* remarks, "do the great lights of Democracy see no further than this?" and goes on to argue that the Republican party will not be fools enough to re-nominate Gen. Grant for President in 1872, but that they will put forth a strong man; and that if the Democracy win, they must draw to their ranks a large number of Republicans; that it can only be accomplished by very judicious management; that those men who seem disposed to leave the Republican party and join with the Democracy are a respectable class of men, and men of progress, and not fossilized politicians who mope about in grave yards; and that they are a class of men who will not be satisfied to take a back seat in any organization into which they may go; and the editor very strongly intimates to his party that in order to achieve success, they must not only discard such men as Vallandigham and Pendleton, but must select some of the Republicans who are willing to come into their ranks as their standard bearers. This is plain talk, and means Chase for President. We like the *Sun's* conservatism and frankness. The truth is, the *Sun* displays more ingenuity and wisdom in politics than all the other Democratic papers in New York; but the *Sun* will find that if it undertakes to steal the radicalism of the Republican party, to wit, universal suffrage, and incorporate that into the Democratic creed, it will overshoot the mark, and Democracy will find itself in a still worse dilemma than they would be to stand upon the Ohio platform, which is peaceable secession and slavery.

We labored with the Union party during the war to prevent the success of that damnable heresy, secession, and we have remained with that party since the war, and during its change of name, and to some extent, principles, and still remain, but not to endorse that other and equally great political heretical policy of establishing African citizenship and suffrage, thereby opening the doors and extending a special invitation to all Africa; the greatest mass of superstition and ignorance on the globe, to swarm into our midst, who will, with the countless Asiatics who are already in sight, overrun our country, spread heathenism and idolatry broadcast in the land, degrade and destroy our moral powers, mix up with our posterity, and send us finally into the condition in which we now behold Mexico and many portions of South America. We agree with the *Sun*, there must be revolutions in politics in this Government, and that quickly, or we shall be compelled to go down in the morning of life, and be counted among the things that were; and we suggest to the *Sun* that the following reforms must be made in order to perpetuity and to get rid of these miserable relics of monarchy that have so long lingered about our would-be Republican institutions: We must establish by fundamental law that ours is a national Government by the whole people—not a confederation of Governments; we must extend the ballot, not confine it strictly to our own race; we must abolish all life offices and establish short tenures; we must allow the people to vote directly for President and Vice-President of the United States; the people must take away from the President large portions of his appointing power; the people must declare that there shall be no uniting of State and Church in this Government, and no more squandering of the public moneys; and they must introduce into their criminal code, heavy penalties to be visited upon any person or persons who shall give, or offer to give, any money or valuable thing to the President of the United States during his continuance in office; and also upon any President who shall, during his official term, give, or offer to give, any money or valuable thing

belonging to the Government, to any person or persons whatsoever, or shall bestow, or offer to bestow upon his father, grandfather brother, sister, uncle, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, first, second or third cousin, any office of trust or profit. Stand upon these grounds, Mr. *Sun*, and we are with you.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The *Messenger* of Feb. 4th has an answer to the *REPUBLICAN* of Jan. 28th, which we would recommend to all who have an interest in the subject matter therein contained, and after full consideration, tell us who will, what you think of the reasoning. The *Messenger* says, "The *REPUBLICAN* dashes off a few questions from memory to show us that Jesus is called God. We fail to see in any single quotation, or all of them taken together, that such is the fact." We are very sorry the *Messenger* is so skeptical, and immersed in the fogs of modern theology, that it cannot see and believe that Jesus Christ is called God; and in order that the editor may have proof in its character irrefragable, we quote: "And he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me; John 12th, 45." "Phillip saith unto him, Lord show us the father and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the father; and how sayest thou then, show us the father? 14th, 8th and 9th." "I and my father are one; 10th, 30th." "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the Government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called 'Wonderful Counsellor,' The mighty God, The everlasting father, The prince of peace; Isaiah 9th, 6th." "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God; 40th, 3d." "Thus saith the Lord the king of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last and beside me there is no God; 44th, 6th." "For thy maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy redeemer the holy one of Israel: The God of the whole earth shall he be called; 54th, 5th." If Jesus Christ was not the redeemer spoken of by the prophets, who should come into the world and suffer, that men might be saved, and if he was not God, who had taken upon himself human nature, and who appeared in the world in the form of man, in order to accommodate himself to the understandings of men, so as to accomplish the plan of salvation; and if he was neither God nor man, tell us who he was, and what was his nature and character. He must have been a being created at a time certain, or his existence must have been co-extensive with that of God himself. If created, when, and where? If not created, then he must be self-existent from eternity; and if the latter, then he is a God; and if the father spoken of in the Bible is another and separate God, then there are two Gods instead of one. We come to these conclusions from our reading of the Bible, not only as a law book, but to ascertain the way of life and salvation. We have in our library three hundred volumes of law books, prominent among which, and more valuable than all to us, is the Bible. There is another theory contended for in the *Messenger* which we cannot find laid down in the Bible, and that is this: that water baptism is essential to a man's salvation, and that immersion only is baptism. This to us is as absurd as that other theory, taught in Christendom, that to Peter was delivered the keys of the kingdom, and that Peter delivered them to the Pope, who now holds them, with power to let in whomsoever he pleases and to excommunicate whoever offends; and this power, it is claimed, carries with it and establishes the doctrine of infallibility.

Pendleton, Hendricks, Blair.

The New York *Sun* says: "Mr. Pendleton is an aspirant for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1872, and is jealous of the rising popularity of Mr. Hendricks in the West. He doubtless believes that the introduction of the name of Hendricks into the Convention of 1868 was one of the main causes of his defeat in that body; and therefore Pendleton is plotting to prevent the nomination of

Hendricks in 1872. It is believed in some well-informed quarters that this was one of the principal reasons for holding the recent Columbus Conference, with the attempted restoration of the old red sandstone epoch of Democratic doctrines, in which Hendricks has ceased to put his trust.

Gen. Frank Blair's speech, wherein he received the obnoxious sentiments of the Broadhead letter, may perhaps have been intended to operate in the same direction, though we rather think not. Blair may be quite willing to have Hendricks ruled off the course as not orthodox on old issues, but he is not likely to prefer Pendleton to himself as the true exponent of the Democratic faith; and he may well think that if the candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1864 had the right to demand the first place on the ticket in 1868, so the nominee for the Vice-Presidency in 1868 may insist upon carrying the standard of the party in 1872.

However, we are of opinion that ere the next Democratic Convention meets, the rank and file of the Democracy will teach all aspirants to the nomination that the red sandstone epoch, and fossilized politicians generally, are quite out of date in this progressive age. They have had their day, and in the estimation of the living men of the time, they are laid away forever.

So far as we are concerned, it would make little difference which of the three gentlemen whose name heads the above article was elected, provided either must be, but we should think it unmistakable evidence of declining strength in this Government, if such men could receive the majority of the votes of a free and intelligent people, in a Republic like ours. Pendleton is a selfish partizan, who cares for no man or party except for the purpose of self aggrandizement; cold, thankless in disposition, he would sacrifice friends, principle and patriotism in order to place himself in power. He was the greatest and most able advocate of the traitor, and the principle of peaceable secession in Congress during the war. He is a man of great powers of mind, of great erudition, and, consequently, he stands today among the most dangerous of American Statesmen that could possibly be chosen to fill the Presidential chair.

Hendricks is a man of large stature, but without brains, and infelicitous, would be compelled, like his last two illustrious predecessors, to be used as an instrument to carry out the designs of wicked and unscrupulous demagogues; and we think, for this reason alone, he stands the best chance to receive the nomination of either of the trio. Blair belongs to snake kingdom, and is all things to all men, while his eye sparkles and his face wears a sunny smile, his fangs are loaded with poison; he has always believed, together with the balance of the Blair family, that to his Satanic Majesty, that old serpent, was delegated originally the power to make or unmake men. He has traversed the whole political line, from the meanest abolitionist, to the dirtiest red mouth secessionist, and to-day he stands a wreck and wretch in the minds of good men, completely stripped of all that is good or comely, will soon disappear from the political arena, unhonored and unsung, and will finally go down to hold sweet converse with him, whose faithful servant he is.

SENATOR WILLIAMS.

We see by late dispatches, that Senator Williams will soon report his joint resolution in respect to the 500,000 acres of land appropriated by our constitution to the school fund of this State, with an amendment which, in effect legalizes the action of our late Legislature in appropriating \$200,000 of our school money to erect locks at Oregon City, for the benefit of a few pet individuals, upon the principle that the children of the poor in the State could better get along without an education, than the rich could live without being made richer by donations from the last Legislature. The truth is, there was no necessity for the resolution at all. Congress had already given its assent, and if this move had not been made by Williams, the Courts of Oregon and of the United States would never have allowed one dollar of the money to have been drawn from the school fund; but if, by the management of our Senator, Congress shall pass a resolution which shall have the effect of its giving its assent now, to all of said fund except the \$200,000 already wrongfully taken by wicked hands, then these pretenders, who have undertaken to lord it over God's heri-

tage, will have some excuse to come before the Courts and ask, with sanctimonious countenance, that this money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the State and given, without recompense, to satiate the financial thirst of those who, in their selfishness, forget that we are commanded not to lay up treasure on earth where thieves break through and steal. Let the people mark well this act of its Senator, and its fruits, if successful. It is to be hoped, however, that our Senator, Mr. Corbett, who thus far has been faithful to the best interests of Oregon, will look well to this matter, and see that it does not pass, by referring the Senate to our Constitution and the Act of Congress admitting us into the Union, and especially sections one and four, which clearly show that the assent required by the Constitution was given at the time of admission, and consequently that the Act of the Oregon Legislature, in attempting to appropriate a portion of our school fund to internal improvements, is absolutely void. Query: How much, if anything, does Williams get for his amendment to the resolution?

THE STATUS OF THE SCHOOL FUND OF POLK COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR: As there has been some talk amongst the people of Polk county, in the discoveries made about the minus quantity of the School fund of this county, I deem it but fair and just to make a statement, so that all may be rightly informed in regard to the matter, and to the end that no man or men may be wrongfully accused.

Polk county, to-day, is out of pocket in her irreducible School fund \$1,638 27 with interest payable semi-annually at the rate of ten per centum to this date. The facts are as follows: In 1864 the Legislature created a board of Land Commissioners, to sell School lands. This Board consisted of the then Governor, Secretary, and State Treasurer, viz: Woods, Cooke, May and I. R. Mores, Clerk and agent for said Board. In the year 1866, the Legislature enacted a law requiring the School Superintendents of the several counties to report to the above mentioned Board, immediately after the passage of said act of 1866, the description, quantity and value of each tract of land in their respective counties and to turn over to the said Board the proceeds of all sales heretofore made and all obligations for money due or to become due for such sales, or for their proceeds loaned out. In pursuance of the said act last mentioned, William Howe, then the Treasurer of Polk County and in possession of the said fund did on the 6th day of December, 1866, turn over to the said Board all moneys and notes belonging to said fund in this county and took their receipt for the same, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$8,889 27, in notes and money as follows, to-wit:

Notes for Coin and not specified.....	\$4,676 00
" Legal Tenders.....	2,575 00
Legal Tenders.....	1,377 10
Coin.....	261 17
Total.....	\$8,889 27

The Board retained said amount three months and twelve days and returned to Mr. Howe the said notes amounting to \$7,251 00 and retained the currency and coin amounting to \$1,638 27.

In 1868 the Legislature passed an act requiring said Board to pay over all moneys in their hand or that may rise from the sale of School or University lands, to the County Treasurer in which said lands are located, and the same to be loaned by said Treasurer as provided for by the said act, "loaning of the irreducible School fund. The County Treasurer being by the same act created the local agent for said Board. In defiance of that law mentioned law of 1868, the Board which was then unchanged and consisted of the same men as aforementioned, neglected and failed to over according to said provision of law of 1868, the said amounts, \$1,337 10 in currency and \$261 17 in coin. On being asked recently what disposition had been made of it, Mr. Cooke and Mr. I. R. Mores answered by saying that they had loaned the same out and that they could not readily produce the notes, and perhaps it would be loaned as it in all probability was loaned with other money and to whom and where they could not say. They further informed us that it was a State fund and that it was a "pet theory of people" that it was intended by the law to be controlled by the counties. I was, at the time, and am still aware to what extent and in what manner it was and is a State fund, and I think everybody who can read the law of the land understands the same thing. But I do not propose to discuss the law on the subject at this time. My intention as I stated in the outset, is to place the subject properly before the people, so that injustice may not be done to any. There are other things connected with the matter, but time forbids my speaking of them. Any person wishing to assure themselves of the correctness of my statement, will please call at my office in Dallas, and I will cheerfully produce the documents for my authority. Respectfully yours. D. J. HOLMES.

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